



# Media Information

Columbus Division of Police

Date: 9/6/2019

Traffic Bureau / Accident Investigation Unit

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Type of Offense/Incident: Fatal Traffic Crash

Date: 9/6/2019

Time: 5:40am

Location of Offense/Incident: I-270 n/b north of Morse

Zone: 1

Precinct: 6

Incident Report #: 190750118

Cruiser District: 61

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**Incident Summary:** On Friday, September 6, 2019 at 5:40 AM, Ms. Erreona Hodo (21) of Hughey Dr. in Reynoldsburg, was driving alone in a Hyundai Elantra northbound on I-270, approximately 1/2 mile north of Morse Rd. Mr. Daniel Sharpe (50) of Hickory Way in Thornville, was driving alone in a Chevrolet Express, behind Ms. Hodo's car. Mr. Nigel Chatman (21) of Nocturne Rd. N. in Reynoldsburg, was driving alone in a Pontiac Grand Prix, behind, and one lane to the left of, Mr. Sharpe's van.

Mr. Sharpe's van and Ms. Hodo's car collided, forcing Ms. Hodo's car into the median. As this was occurring, Mr. Chatman swerved to the left in an apparent attempt to avoid the crash that was occurring in front of his vehicle. Mr. Chatman lost control of his vehicle and spun into the median also.

Mr. Sharpe's vehicle came to rest in the center lane of the freeway. He was uninjured.

Ms. Hodo's vehicle came to rest in the grassy median. She had no visible injury, but was transported by EMS to Mt. Carmel East to be evaluated.

Mr. Chatman's vehicle struck a light pole in the median. He was seriously injured and was transported by EMS to Grant Medical Center. He succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced dead at 7:18 AM.

This investigation is ongoing.

In 2019 Columbus has had 34 fatal traffic crashes resulting in 39 fatalities.

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